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1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TOAST BY VICE PRESIDENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT. PRESIDENT MARCOS, MRS. MARCOS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS...

- THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR GRACIOUS REMARKS THIS EVENING AND INDEED FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO MRS. MONDALE AND ME SINCE OUR ARRIVAL YESTERDAY. THE REPUTATION OF FILIPINOS FOR BEING MARVELOUS HOSTS HAS NOT BEEN EXAGGERATED.

- MR. PRESIDENT, THIS VISIT TO MANILA IS THE FIRST STOP OF A FIVE-NATION ASIAN TOUR AND IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT AN OLD FRIEND LIKE THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD BE THE STARTING POINT FOR SUCH A JOURNEY.

- IN OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY, WE HAVE COVERED GROUND OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND INTEREST. WE HAVE RENEWED AND, HOPEFULLY, REINVIGORATED THROUGH OUR TALKS THE LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. AND AS
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I PREDICTED UPON MY ARRIVAL YESTERDAY, THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND CANDOR THAT SHOULD CHARACTERIZE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OLD FRIENDS.

- WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE PHILIPPINES AND THE LARGER AREA WHICH THE PHILIPPINES IS AN IMPORTANT PART. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO EMPHASIZE THE COMMITMENT OF THE

UNITED STATES TO BOTH.

- IT IS A COMMITMENT WHICH REFLECTS THE DEDICATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY NOT MERELY FOR A FEW NATIONS BUT FOR ALL NATIONS. PRESIDENT CARTER MADE THIS POINT IN HIS RECENT VISIT TO AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, AND I SHALL DO THE SAME HERE IN ASIA AS I HAVE ALREADY DONE IN MY TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS.

- IN THIS CONNECTION, I WISH TO AFFIRM THE U.S. INTENTION TO REMAIN AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC NATION AND TO FULFILL TREATY OBLIGATIONS TO PRESERVE REGIONAL SECURITY. MY TRIP IS CLEARLY MEANT TO REINFORCE THAT STATED INTENTION.

- OUR ASIAN POLICIES--ECONOMIC, MILITARY, POLITICAL, CULTURAL--DERIVE FROM HISTORICAL TIES. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WITH COUNTRIES LIKE THE PHILIPPINES. OUR RELATIONS BASED ON THESE TIES ARE OF ENDURING STRENGTH AND VIBRANCY.

- IT SHOULD BE CLEAR FROM RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S./ ASIAN RELATIONS THAT THE U.S. PRESENCE IN ASIA IS INTENDED TO BE ONE OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. MUTUAL RESPECT AND EQUALITY WILL BE THE WATCHWORDS OF THESE RELATIONSHIPS.
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- A MOST EXCITING AREA OF COOPERATION IS BEGINNING TO EMERGE IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE. THIS DIMENSION OF OUR RELATIONS WILL INCREASINGLY DRAW OUR ATTENTION TO ASIA. EVEN NOW, ROUGHLY ONE QUARTER OF U.S. WORLDWIDE TRADE IS WITH THIS REGION. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE AREA HAS ACCOUNTED FOR MORE OF OUR TRADE THAN ANY OTHER AREA OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

- I WOULD PARTICULARLY WISH TO SINGLE OUT OUR RELATION WITH THAT MOST DYNAMIC ECONOMIC GROUPING IN THE REGION, THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN NATIONS. WE HAVE ALREADY HELD ONE U.S.-ASEAN DIALOGUE, IN MANILA LAST SEPTEMBER, AND ANOTHER IS SCHEDULED FOR WASHINGTON THIS SUMMER.

- THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SECURITY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SPHERES ARE SIGNS OF A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE COUNTRIES OF ASIA, ESPECIALLY SOUTH EAST ASIA.

- MR. PRESIDENT, THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCE OF PEACE

IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT THAT WE ARE NOW WITNESSING IN
THE PHILIPPINES AND THROUGHOUT THE REGION. WE IN THE
UNITED STATES KNOW AND APPRECIATE THE ROLE THE PHILIPPINES
HAS PLAYED IN INSURING THE CONTINUATION OF THAT
CIRCUMSTANCE. THE FACT AND THE SPIRIT OF THIS COOPERATION
I AM CERTAIN, WILL LEAD TO FURTHER ADVANCEMENT IN THE
HUMAN CONDITION OF ASIA.

- AND SO, IN THAT SPIRIT, LET ME OFFER A TOAST TO YOU
AND MRS. MARCOS, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES. STULL

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